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NEW MACKEREL AT THE NEW PIER

Just 10 crafts had reported at the Boston fish pier up to 9 o'clock this morning, including one small fare of fresh mackerel. The latter was the summer Joanna of this port, having 900 pounds small and 900 pounds large fresh mackerel which sold at 12 cents a pound right through.

The total receipts of groundfish was about 260,000 pounds.

Prices, wholesale, were \$2.50 to \$3.25 hundred pounds for haddock, \$6 to \$10 for large cod, \$2.50 to \$3 for market cod, \$2 to \$4 for hake and \$3 to \$5 for pollock.

Boston Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are as follows:

Sch. Frances S. Grueby, 29,000 haddock, 9500 cod, 6000 hake, 1000 pollock.
 Str. Ripple, 33,000 haddock, 1000 cod.
 Sch. Josie and Phebe, 35,000 haddock, 17,000 cod, 13,000 hake.
 Sch. Pontiac, 25,000 haddock, 5000 cod, 12,000 hake.
 Sch. Esther Gray, 12,000 pollock.
 Sch. Georgianna, 8000 pollock.
 Sch. Eva Avina, 7000 pollock.
 Sch. Emily Sears, 12,000 pollock.
 Sch. Louisa R. Sylvia, 19,000 haddock, 12,000 cod, 5000 hake, 4000 pollock.
 Str. Joanna, 3500 lbs. fresh mackerel.
 Haddock, \$2.50 to \$3.25 per cwt.; cod, \$6 to \$8.50; market cod, \$5 to \$6; hake, \$2 to \$4; pollock, \$3 to \$4.50; fresh mackerel, 12 cents per pound.

Catch Tinkers at Beverly.

Beverly is feasting on mackerel. The excellent fish are running into the harbor and up Danvers river, and everybody is catching them. One boat hauled out a barrel in less than half hour. Youngsters are selling the "tinkers" at a cent apiece and doing a rushing business. The air of Beverly is saturated with the odors of broiling mackerel, and everybody is rejoicing that the high cost of living has received a body blow.

Good Stocks.

Capt. Frank Viator of sch. Elva L. is a man who was at Boston yesterday with a banner trip of swordfish, packed \$2127, while the crew shared each.

Capt. William H. Thomas of sch. T. Gorton on his recent haddock trip packed \$2400, crew sharing \$50 each.

More Going to the Bay.

More vessels are now fitting for mackerel trips to the North Bay and it is probable that more will do so soon. They are sch. Monarch, Capt. J. Seavy; sch. Aloha, Capt. Ed. Ryan; sch. Pinta, Capt. Daniel Ryan; sch. Corona, Capt. Wallace Parsons; and sch. Corsair, Capt. George G. Hamor.

Big Week at Pensacola

should have the best of it, and they had, as far as red snapper was concerned, the catch of the Saunders boats being 113,570 pounds, or just 960 pounds more than was taken by the boats of the Warren Fish Co., which totaled 112,610 pounds.

Taking grouper and red snapper together, the boats of the Warren fleet had the biggest catch, 150,305 pounds, while the crafts of E. E. Saunders & Co., had a total of 148,960 pounds, or 1,345 pounds less than the catch of the Warren boats. Of grouper, the Warren boats had 37,695 pounds, as against 35,390 pounds to E. E. Saunders & Co.

The biggest individual haul was made by a Saunders boat, which had 36,255 pounds, of which 29,205 pounds were red snapper and 7,050 pounds grouper. The biggest individual haul to a Warren boat was 28,845 pounds, of which 21,165 pounds were red snapper and 7,680 pounds grouper. The smallest haul made by a Saunders boat was 3,685 pounds, all of which were red snapper, while the smallest catch of a Warren boat was 10,250 pounds, of which 5,890 pounds were red snapper and 4,360 pounds grouper.

Receipts were:

Rena A. Percy, 19,795 lbs. red snapper, 2,720 lbs. grouper; Alcoma, 12,155 lbs. red snapper, 2,730 lbs. grouper; Silas Stearns, 18,315 lbs. red snapper; William Hays, 21,165 lbs. red snapper, 7,680 lbs. grouper; Osceola, 6,500 lbs. red snapper.

The week ending has been the most successful that the fishing industry at this port has known for a long time. Red snappers were abundant, still there were not too many for the demand. Groupers, too, were much more plentiful than they have been in quite a time, still despite the large catch of red snappers and the extra heavy supply of groupers, there were by no means too much fish. People in the South are eating much fish, finding that it is much cheaper than meat.

If the crafts had caught just 735 pounds more fish than they did the week's catch would have reached a total of 300,000 pounds—something certainly to be proud of. As it was, the catch was made by comparatively few boats, 18 all told being the number to reach port. In pounds the catch was 299,265, of which 226,180 pounds were red snapper and 73,085 pounds grouper. Ten vessels arrived to E. E. Saunders & Co., and eight to the Warren Fish Co. As it was, it was a case of nip and tuck to see who would get the most fish. With ten crafts to their credit it would seem at first glance that E. E. Saunders & Co. lbs. red snapper, 4,300 lbs. grouper; Clara P. Sewell, 15,450 lbs. red snapper, 5,325 lbs. grouper; Chicopee, 13,400 lbs. red snapper, 4,500 lbs. grouper.

E. E. Saunders & Co.—Cavaller, 9,565 lbs. red snapper, 1,385 lbs. grouper; Lottie B. Haskins, 3,365 lbs. red snapper, 5,270 lbs. grouper; Ida M. Silva, 17,735 lbs. red snapper, 5,080 lbs. grouper; Fish Hawk, 17,540 lbs. red snapper, 7,495 lbs. grouper; Clara M. Littlefield, 3,710 lbs. red snapper, 4,205 lbs. grouper; Wallace A. McDonald, 5,380 lbs. red snapper, 390 lbs. grouper; Sea Em, 3,685 lbs. red snapper; Alcoma, 29,205 lbs. red snapper, 7,050 lbs. grouper; Clara R. Harwood, 11,965 lbs. red snapper, 2,115 lbs. grouper; Lettie G. Harwood, 11,220 lbs. red snapper, 2,400 lbs. grouper.

FAIR TRADE AT FULTON MARKET

The crafts landed a little more than one million pounds at the market last week, of which almost one-half was weakfish. Less than one-third of the receipts were bluefish, and there were very few porgies, little sea bass and one trip of market cod.

Wholesale dealers said that business was fairly good during the entire week though it was not what it ought to be considering the low prices at which the bulk of the fish was offered.

There were 22 trips of bluefish, the largest catch being 6,300 fish. Of the 22 trips three crafts had more than 5,000 fish each, while 18 had less than 4000 fish each, and 16 had less than 3000 fish each. Eight crafts had less than 2000 fish each. The smallest catch was 500 fish. The bulk of the fish coming to market were small in size and consequently the lowest in price. Small bluefish brought 5 to 8 cents, while large and medium fish sold at 4 to 7 cents. In all 60,150 bluefish, or 300,750 pounds, reached the market.

There was a good supply of snapper bluefish, which brought 5 to 7 cents per pound.

There was one trip of cod, 2300 pounds, in the market.

Halibut.—Western white fish from Tuesday on sold at 9 to 10 cents a pound. A little eastern white halibut on Saturday last brought 10 to 12 cents.

Tinker mackerel, the only size in the market, sold at \$9 to \$11 per barrel.

Groundfish.—Market cod, 2 to 5 cents; steak cod, 4 to 12 cents. pollock, 2 to 6 cents; haddock, 2 1-2 to 5 cents, and hake, 2 to 6 cents.

Halibut Sales.

The halibut fare of sch. Elmer E. Gray sold to the American Halibut company for ten cents per pound for white, eight cents for small gray and six and one-half for large grays.

The fare of sch. Georgianna, sold to the New England Fish company at the same figures.

The Holletts Doing Well.

The Burin sch. Gordon M. Hollett, Capt. W. Hollett, came here for docking on Saturday. She was on dock two days for cleaning and repairs to rudder that had been damaged by ice. She is from home, has 1800 quintals ashore, and will go to the Grand Banks as soon as squid is had. The Ronald C. Hollett, Capt. T. Hollett, has 3000 quintals ashore to date.—Harbor Grace Standard.

Halibut Sale.

The halibut fare of sch. Yakima sold to the American Halibut Company for ten cents per pound for white and eight cents for gray.

Beam Trawler Got Mackerel.

The beam trawler Surf at Boston this morning had three large fresh mackerel taken on Georges a few days ago.

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FOREIGN SALT MACKEREL IDEAS

Says the Fishing Gazette:

There is surely a wide difference of opinion on foreign salt mackerel. The new fat Norway 1s are quoted as \$30 by one leading house, and at \$33 by another; the number 2s are placed at \$25 by one house, and at \$22 by the other; 3s are quoted at \$17.50 and at \$19, 4s are \$16 and \$14.50, 5s are \$12.50; Irish fat, fall caught, are placed at \$13 and \$14; new Irish winter cure at \$11 and \$12; new Irish summer at \$10 and \$11. To gauge things better, a leading New York salt fish merchant sent for Chicago's quotations: Autumn, fat, 1s, \$28; 2s, \$22; 3s, \$17; 4s, \$16; 5s, (a few of them), \$12.50. In the summer early fish the New York merchant got the following quotations at Chicago: 2s, \$18 to \$19; 3s, \$15 to \$16; 4s, \$13 to \$14; 5s, \$12. The inquiring merchant calculates \$1 off to arrive at New York figures, allowing that deduction fish freight and other charges.

All fishing boats have been withdrawn from the North Sea on government advice. The waters are now extremely dangerous because of the high-powered mines installed.

The total estimated pack of Norway mackerel was \$32,000. The exporters announce that the season is practically closed. The total pack is just about one-half of a good average year. The quality of the fish, however, is said to be noticeably better than those of last season. The fish of this year are lighter in color and show more fat than did the last season's catch.

The stock controlled by operators outside of the union is said to have been mostly sold up, and what is left is sold at high prices.

From Liverpool, by cablegram to Boston, September 5, came the report that the shipments to Boston for the week were 752 bbls.; to other ports, 626 bbls.; total, 1378 bbls. The fishing, according to the cablegram, was very poor. A cablegram from Liverpool August 22, stated that the shipments for that week comprised the following: For New York, 100 bbls.; to Boston, 400 bbls.; to Philadelphia, 527 bbls., making a total of 1027 bbls.

The total shipments to date are: 1913 Irish, autumn, 27,990 bbls.; 1914, Irish, spring, 7676 bbls.

The catch of salt mackerel in Norway up to August 22, sea packed, as landed in Norway from the North Sea, salted for export to America for the week ending August 22, was 7154 bbls., which was landed by 99 boats. Total catch to date, 17,352 bbls., by 207 boats. The corresponding week in 1913, 17620 bbls.; total corresponding date last year, 2658 bbls.

Labrador Season About Over.

S. S. Melge, Capt. Goobie, arrived at Humbermouth at 11 a. m. yesterday. Capt. Goobie sent the following message to the Reid, N. F. Co.: "Strong S.E. and westerly gales during the whole trip to the Straits. Fishing about over. Crews returning home.—St. John's Herald, Sept. 11.

